



**100 Families.
One Community.**



Habitat for Humanity®

Peterborough & Kawartha Region

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a message from the CEO *a milestone year*

This year, because of you, we reached a powerful milestone: **100 families welcomed home through Habitat for Humanity Peterborough & Kawartha Region.**

That number represents far more than homes built. It represents parents gaining peace of mind, children growing up with stability, and families putting down roots in the communities where they live and work.

Affordable homeownership is transformative. With a safe and stable place to call home, families can plan for the future, pursue education, grow their incomes, and build equity that changes the trajectory of their lives.

As our work grows, so does the scale of this impact. Our condo communities, like Leahy's Lane, are creating new pathways into the housing market. Through our buyback program, when homeowners move into the traditional market, their Habitat unit returns to us, opening the door for another family.

This means **one home can support multiple families over time, multiplying the impact of every donation.**

To our donors, volunteers, shoppers, advocates, and build partners:



thank you for coming together as one. You are the community that has made 100 homes, and the stability, opportunity, and hope they bring, possible. Because of you, we are building homes, communities, and lasting impact for generations to come.

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SUSAN ZAMBONIN, CEO

2025 in numbers ReStore Rewind



77,825

ReStore Customers in
Peterborough & Lindsay

150

Corporate
Donations

84



Kitchen & Home
Deconstructions

Items Diverted from Landfill
through ReStore Shoppers

213,632



1,950

Free ReStore
Donation Pickups

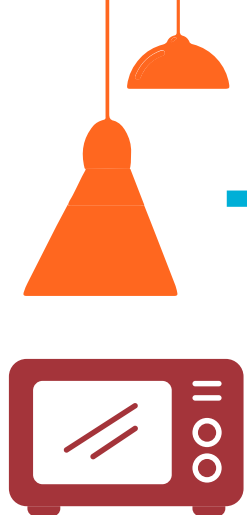
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Tools Borrowed
from the Tool Library

515

Furniture
Deliveries



Thanks for getting **thrifty** with us!



In 2025, our community fully embraced thrifting, and we are so grateful to the Peterborough and Lindsay ReStore communities for their ongoing support. Through your donations, shopping, and volunteering, you helped turn everyday actions into local affordable homes. Every item dropped off or picked up creates real impact for local families in our region.

That's because the Habitat ReStore is a social enterprise, a retailer that has a positive social impact. **It's where community shows up for the community, where generosity, creativity, and sustainability meet.**

When you visit a Habitat ReStore, you're creating a win-win-win-win! Together, we're unlocking possibilities for donor donors, shoppers, families, and the earth.

ReStore also sparks creativity, showcased in The Big Flip, our furniture-flipping contest proudly sponsored by Chemong Home Hardware Building Centre and Kawartha Credit Union.

By choosing ReStore, you're doing more than shop, you're giving items a second life, supporting families, and making a lasting impact in our community. Thank you for getting thrifty with us throughout 2025!



WOMEN BUILD RETREAT

The second Women Build Retreat, October 3–5, 2025, brought 61 women to Camp Timberlane in the Haliburton Highlands for a weekend of hands-on building, learning, and connection.

Guided by Habitat PKR's expert female construction staff, participants swung hammers, mastered power tools, and built a seven-by-10-foot bunkie from start to finish, raising \$15,000 for affordable housing in the Peterborough and Kawartha region. Beyond construction, the retreat offered yoga, wine tastings, and empowering workshops, giving women the confidence to tackle projects at home while making a real community impact.

This year's retreat was made possible by D.M. Wills, whose leadership shows how businesses can partner with Habitat PKR to create meaningful change.

\$15,000 raised!



HOME GROWN

a Habitat Vineyard Party Fundraiser

On June 7, 2025, HomeGrown: A Habitat Vineyard Party Fundraiser came alive at Rolling Grape Vineyard, raising \$24,000 in support of local affordable homebuilding. Guests enjoyed an Italian-inspired evening under a clear-ceiling tent with vineyard views, complete with gourmet food, wine pairings, live music by Good to Go, and a silent auction. Heartfelt stories from Habitat homeowner Derrick and his daughter Maelyn, and Jane Bischoff of Our Daughter's Home, showcased the real difference community support makes, helping families and individuals access safe, stable, and affordable homes. This unforgettable night was made possible by generous sponsors RBC and Floortrends, alongside dedicated volunteers and guests whose energy, generosity, and enthusiasm turned an evening of celebration into a lasting impact for local families in need.



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\$24,000 raised!

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Volunteer Impact

Giving in Action



198



volunteers supported
Habitat PKR in 2025



13,692

total of volunteer hours

that's equivalent
to one person
working full-
time hours for:

6½
years



Volunteers are the driving force behind our mission at Habitat for Humanity Peterborough & Kawartha Region. In 2025, 198 dedicated volunteers contributed an astounding 13,692 hours, the equivalent of one person working full-time for six and a half years. Their efforts extend far beyond the numbers, powering every aspect of our mission, from builds to ReStores. At the Fraserville build, volunteers of all ages, including some in their late 70s and 80s, worked alongside Habitat trades staff to raise walls and complete the home, demonstrating that passion for community knows no age.

Our ReStore volunteers form the backbone of our operations, consistently showing up to shifts week after week to keep stores running smoothly, welcoming customers, processing donations, and supporting fundraising for affordable housing. Their dedication ensures that Habitat PKR can maintain sustainable revenue streams, which directly fund home builds and programs. This consistency and reliability make our ReStore volunteers a central engine of our mission, enabling us to make a lasting impact in the community.

This year, four of our volunteers were recognized with the prestigious **King Charles III Coronation Medal** for their outstanding service: long-time build and ReStore volunteer Harry, Lindsay ReStore volunteer Kevin, and board members Cindy Windover and Fay Martin.

The medal, one of the highest honours a Canadian volunteer can receive, is awarded to fewer than 30,000 individuals across the country. These awards celebrate their dedication and the profound impact volunteers have in creating safe, affordable homes, and stronger communities.

We're so thankful for every volunteer who contributed their time in 2025.



Building Homes, Communities, and Hope

In 2025, we didn't just build homes, we laid the foundations for the communities still to come, preparing the next build projects that will open the door to affordable homeownership for more families across the Peterborough and Kawartha Region.

🏠 Fraserville

Completed in December 2025, this four-bedroom single-family home welcomed Habitat PKR's 100th partner family, an important milestone in our journey toward affordable homeownership. Built with universal design principles and energy-efficient features, the home helps reduce utility costs while providing a safe, comfortable place to live and grow. This build was made possible through extraordinary community generosity, including a \$100,000 legacy gift from Bailieboro-Springville United Church and the donation of land from local supporters Don and Pat Wood.



🏠 Keystone Court

Set to break ground in 2026 on Lansdowne St. in Peterborough, Keystone Court will be a 40-unit condominium offering studio, one, and two-bedroom apartments. Designed with energy-efficient features, this development provides an accessible and affordable stepping stone into the housing market. Situated in a prime location, Keystone Court will create vibrant, inclusive communities perfect for young couples, working professionals, and seniors, reflecting Habitat PKR's commitment to affordable housing solutions.



🏠 Our Daughter's Home

Our first collaboration with another not-for-profit, this accessible duplex in Peterborough will provide a safe, stable home for seven women with disabilities, complete with private rooms, communal living spaces, and an on-site caregiver. Set for completion in 2027, the project was initiated by the women's parents to ensure ongoing care and independence. By creating supportive housing in the community they know and love, Habitat PKR is helping address the urgent need for safe, affordable homes for adults with developmental disabilities.



🏠 Places for People

In partnership with Places for People, Habitat PKR is bringing 35 new affordable homes to Peninsula Road in Haliburton, including 20 Habitat homeownership units and 15 affordable rentals managed by Places for People. Combining over 20 years of Habitat's home-building expertise with Places for People's deep experience in rental housing and community connections, this collaboration creates a model for sustainable, inclusive communities. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027.

In the next three year, we aim to build 80+ new local affordable homes!





100

homeowners!

142 adults



139 children



39 single parents



Because of you, 100 families in the Peterborough & Kawartha Region achieved affordable homeownership in 2025. These aren't just numbers, it represents 281 real lives transformed. You're building stability, opportunity, and lasting change that will shape and positively impact generations to come.

After partnering with Habitat for Humanity, homeowners across Canada are thriving...



50%

say financial security is better

65%

say their children's confidence improved.

79%

say mental health improved

73%

say physical health improved

40%

are better able to pay bills on time

32%

have started or completed further education

56%

of other adults in the home have started or completed education

83%

say their happiness improved



Statistics from Boston Consulting Group Study & Deloitte Study

Meet Jimmy & Kayla

Fraserville Homeowners

In December 2025, Kayla, Jimmy, and their three children unlocked the door to something they had dreamed about for years, a safe, stable home of their own in Fraserville.

Their home also marked a special milestone as Habitat for Humanity Peterborough & Kawartha Region's 100th family served through affordable homeownership.

Before partnering with Habitat, the family was living in a small rental home that was unsafe and overcrowded. Ongoing repair issues made it difficult to provide the healthy environment they wanted for their children. "Living in a small space is so difficult, and with our ongoing mold issues, our home was not a safe environment for our kids to grow up in," Kayla shared.

Like many families, saving for a down payment while paying high rent felt impossible. When they learned about Habitat's Affordable Homeownership Program through a family member, they decided to apply, and soon received the life-changing news that they had been selected for the Fraserville build.

Now, their new home offers something simple but powerful: stability. "For our family, this home means a fresh start," Jimmy said the day he moved in. "It means having a safe place for our kids to play outside. It means sitting down together for family dinners at our own kitchen table. It means each of our kids finally having their own room."

Today, the family is settling into their new community. For Kayla and Jimmy, home is no longer out of reach - it's where their new chapter begins.



Meet Brandie

Buyback Homeowner

Habitat homes create opportunity not just once, but for generations. Through Habitat for Humanity Peterborough & Kawartha Region's buyback program, when a homeowner moves on to the traditional housing market, their home returns to Habitat, opening the door for another family to achieve affordable homeownership.

In October 2025, that door opened for Brandie. A working professional who has lived in Peterborough for more than 20 years, Brandie had long dreamed of owning a home. But like many single-income earners navigating today's housing market, the path forward felt impossible.

“I finally have a space I can call my own — a place to set down roots and feel at home.

“Before Habitat, I had basically given up on the dream of ever owning a home,” Brandie shared. “Saving enough for a down payment while paying rent and keeping up with the rising cost of living just wasn't achievable on my own.”



When she learned about Habitat's buyback program, Brandie applied, and soon received the news that she had been approved for a home. For her, this wasn't just about owning a place, it was about stability, purpose, and pride.

“There's a sense of ease that comes with knowing you've put a roof over your own head that is truly yours,” she said. “It's a feeling of stability, accomplishment, and finally having a place where life can begin.”

Brandie balanced a full-time job while completing her 500 volunteer hours, supporting the ReStore and Habitat's Women Build Retreat. Today, she enjoys hosting game nights with friends and finally having a space to make her own and call home, all thanks to Habitat for Humanity's Buyback program.

Meet Chantal

Habitat Graduate

Habitat homes don't just change one life, they create opportunity for many. In 2025, Chantal's Leahy's Lane condo returned to Habitat, ready to welcome a new homeowner like Brandie, while Chantal took the next step in her journey, moving into the traditional housing market and building on the equity she had gained as a Habitat homeowner.

Chantal first became a Habitat homeowner in February 2022, after years of renting on a single income and navigating Peterborough's rising housing costs. "Homeownership meant a lot to me," she reflected. "It was important that at some point in my life I pay my own mortgage instead of rent, which is essentially someone else's mortgage!"

During her time in her Habitat condo, Chantal gained stability, independence, and practical knowledge about mortgages, interest rates, and managing a home. She also built equity, which became a foundation for purchasing a larger home in the traditional market, a milestone she couldn't have achieved without Habitat's support. "It was very exciting to move onto the next stage of



“Habitat gave me the foundation to step into my next home!”

homeownership,” Chantal said. “I am forever grateful to Habitat and all of their supporters. I wouldn't have been able to do this without them.”

Now settled into her new home and celebrating milestones like her first Christmas in a larger space, Chantal's Habitat condo has been purchased back by Habitat for Humanity, ready to give another family the same opportunity she once had – proving that every Habitat home can create a lasting ripple of stability across generations.

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Building affordable homes, and welcoming 100 families into homeownership in 2025, takes a village. And this year, our village showed up in a big way! From the build site to fundraisers, grants, donations, and ReStore support, these amazing businesses and organizations made it all possible. Thank you for helping us build homes, hope, and a stronger community together!

